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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

H. Michael WENZ)

) Group Art Unit: 1637

Application No.: 09/724,755)

) Examiner: J. FREDMAN

Filed: November 28, 2000)

) Confirmation No.: 8421

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING)
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS USING)
COUPLED LIGATION AND)
AMPLIFICATION)

) **Attention: MAIL STOP AF**
) **Expedited Procedure After Final**

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Applicant now further responds to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004 ("the Action"). On July 28, 2004, applicant submitted a Response After Final ("the July 2004 Response") with a Petition for One Month Extension of Time and extension fee. An Advisory Action was mailed on August 10, 2004. The period for reply has been extended two months by the Petition for Second and Third Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicant also files a Notice of Appeal concurrently herewith.

Amendments to claims appear on pages 3 to 6.

Remarks appear on pages 7 to 9.